Functioning of Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal undertaking

1535. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that offices under Delhi Water Supply and Sewages Disposal Undertaking are observing Public Dealing timings from 9.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M. while working for 5 days in a week;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking and Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking are both under the control of Municipal Corporation of Delhi ;

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take to ensure that public timings in two undertakings are uniform in future ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Statement is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Both the undertakings i.e. Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking and Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking have been advised to examine the possibility of bringing uniformity in observing the public dealing timings.

Statement

The Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has reported that public dealing timings in ther zonal and divisional offices are from 2.00 P.M. to 5.00 PM for five days in a week. The bills of water chargres are accepted from 900 AM. to 3.00 PM during the five working days of the week. At Headquarters the public dealing timings are normally from 12.00 Noon to 1.00 PM. Otherwise nomrally office hours are from 9.00 AM to 5.30 PM.

THE DESU has reported that office timings are from 9.00 AM to 5.30 PM. and public dealing timings are from 9.00 to 1.00 PM. However, electricity bill collection offices are functioning from 8.30 AM to 2.00 PM.

Migration to Metropolitan areas

1536. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state ;

(a) what are Government's plans to reduce migration to metropolitan areas;

(b) whether Government propose to develop satellite towns near major urban centres;

(c) what are the plans for development of satellite towns in Andhra Pradesh ;

(d) whether any funds have been provided for this purpose in Eighth five year plan for Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details of funds earmarked for all urban development projects in Eighth Five Year plan in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) With a view to reducing migration into Delhi, the National Capital Region Plan has been drawn up which envisages development of certain towns in the adjoining States of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan to act as counter-magnet towns. The responsibility for drawing up plans for reducing migration in other metropolitan areas is that of the respective State Governments.

(c) to (e) The plans for development of Satellite towns in Andhra Pradesh have to be drawn up by the respective development authorities in the State and the State Government and development of such satellite towns are to be taken by the Government of Andhra Pradesh within the funds allocated by the Planning Commission in their State Plan. There is no specific funds earnmarked in the Central Government Budget for the development of satellite towns in Andhra Pradesh.

Seminar organised by Institute of Town Planners, India at New Delhi

1537. SHRI KRISHAN KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Seminar was organised recently by the Institute of Town Planners, India (ITPI) at New Delhi;